



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 04/05/16 05:30 PM  
Department: Tompkins County Legislature  
Category: Bicentennial  
Functional Category:

**SCHEDULED**

**RESOLUTION NO.**      *DOC ID: 6254*

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**Declaring the year 2017 to be the Tompkins County Bicentennial  
Year (Submitted by Legislators Lane and Klein)**

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1817, the New York State Legislature adopted AN ACT to divide the counties of Seneca and Cayuga, and

WHEREAS, the County of Tompkins was formed on that date and the Board of Supervisors held its first meeting on April 28, 1817, in Ithaca, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the County of Tompkins will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the full year be commemorated with historical, educational, artistic, and joyful events in keeping with this rare and important anniversary, and

WHEREAS, this year-long event should reach out to and connect with the people, places, and faces of the vibrant and diverse population and geography of our County, and

WHEREAS, County organizations and groups from all sectors should be encouraged to join in and be a part of this celebration by incorporating the bicentennial theme into their activities and events throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature has appointed a Bicentennial Commission to advise it about, and to prepare for the upcoming celebration of this unique event, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Bicentennial Commission, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby declares 2017 to be the "Tompkins County Bicentennial Year,"

RESOLVED, further, That during 2017, municipal governments, educational institutions, businesses, agencies, groups, and individuals be encouraged to shape their activities to help celebrate our bicentennial by looking behind us to our history, by looking seriously at the present, and by looking to the future for that which we will be able to accomplish for all our people in the years ahead.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**